



**CITY OF FOREST GROVE
COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION
COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM CONFERENCE ROOM, 1915 MAIN STREET
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 - 5:30 P.M.**

Councilor Thompson

Mark Nakajima, Chair
Bruce Countryman
Lance Schamberger
Dale Wiley, Secretary

Michael Howell, Vice Chair
David Hunter
Jen Warren
Solomon Clapshaw, Student Advisor

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AGENDA

Call to Order and Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 15, 2017

Citizen Communication: Anyone wishing to speak on an item not on the agenda may be heard at this time. In the interest of time, please limit comments to three minutes or less.

Old Business

- 1) Arbor Week/Month Celebration Planning (All)

New Business

- 1) Review Arborist Reports (Attached)
- 2) Arbor Day 2017/Tree City USA 2016 Proclamation (Attached)

Member and Liaison Updates

Announce Next Meeting and Adjourn

Parking Lot

Main Street Trees and Community School Tree

Announce Next Meeting

May 17, 2017



**COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMISSION
CITY AUDITORIUM
MAIN STREET, FOREST GROVE, OR
MARCH 15, 2017 5:35 pm**

Members Present – Michael Howell, Vice-Chair, arrived at 5:56 PM, Bruce Countryman, David Hunter, Jen Warren

Members Absent – Chair Nakajima, Lance Schamberger, Dale Wiley

Staff Present: Dan Riordan

Council Liaison: Ron Thompson

Student Representative: Solomon Clapshaw

Meeting Minutes Approval: Minutes were read. David Hunter moved and Jen Warren seconded approval of the minutes. The motion carried.

Citizen Communication: None

OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed planning for the 2017 Arbor Day event. Vice-Chair Howell spoke with the Agricultural Program teacher at Forest Grove High School about the idea planting trees at the high school and including students. Vice-Chair Howell reported the high school has two back-to-back horticulture classes with approximately 60 students. The school district will identify a location and date. It was suggested an on-site visit take place prior to planting. This agenda item will be discussed further.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEMBER UPDATE

Ron Thompson: Council Thompson provided an update of City Council activities including discussion about renewal of the City's local option levy. The two options being considered are keeping the current amount of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value or increasing the amount to \$2.05 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.

David: David voiced concern about tree protection measures at the Green Grove and Hawthorne/21st development sites. David expressed the need for better enforcement of the City's tree protection ordinance.

Mike: Inquired if anybody was a member of the timber measurement society. Mike said the conference was in April;

Dan: Dan mentioned the annual Arbor Day/Tree City USA proclamation will be presented by the Mayor during the City Council meeting on April 10th. Dan also mentioned the annual mailing to Register Tree property owners will be mailed prior to the end of the month. The mailing will ask for interest in having an arborist inspection funded by the Community Enhancement Program grant.

Next meeting will be April 19, 2017 at the Community Auditorium meeting room at 5:30 pm

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

David moved and Jen seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous affirmative vote adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Riordan
CFC Staff Liaison

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April 7, 2017

Chris Baltazar
2330 15th Avenue
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

Dear Chris Baltazar,

This is an arborist report for tree health assessment for three oak trees in your yard at the request of Dan Riordan, Senior Planner and Staff Liaison Community Forestry Committee City of Forest Grove. I inspected the trees on April 5, 2017.

Summary

The four oak trees are in fair condition, and do seem to be in normal tree health at time of inspection.

Observations

I inspected the Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) trees located in your front yard east of the driveway and south of the old sidewalk.

The first tree is located northwest of the trees. The tree has a 22" DBH, diameter at 4.5' above ground level, or standard measuring height) is 75' tall, has a 25' canopy spread mostly all to the northwest. Tree has been pruned for utility line clearance. The Condition Rating is 64%¹. That relates to overall health that is fair. Fair condition means that the tree is unlikely to improve health wise due to structural or health issues, but is still a tree worth trying to maintain. Root collar appears good at the surface, the trunk looks in appropriate shape, and the canopy is producing new growth. Ninety percent of canopy is to northwest and a slight lean to northwest, very minimal die back. Unimproved sidewalk, could be conflicts if sidewalk is improved.

The second oak tree is located just south of first tree. The tree has a 23" DBH is 75' tall and a 30' canopy spread with ninety percent of canopy to south and west. The Condition Rating is 64%. Growth does appear normal. There is some tip die back most due to shading.

The third oak tree is east of first tree. The tree has a 20" DBH, 75' tall with a 30' canopy spread and is to the north over the wires. The tip growth is fair in appearance. The tree is in fair condition with a Condition Rating of 64%.

¹ Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th Edition. Published by the International Society of Arboriculture. 2000.

Recommendations

I recommend that the oak trees be rechecked in a few years or sooner if the health condition changes or plans to improve sidewalk or driveway is considered.

Conclusion

The oak trees in the front yard is in fair condition and do not see any major concerns at this time.

Certification

I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing arborist report are correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

If you have any questions about the site, my findings, or further recommendations as to how to work with the site issues, please give my office a call.

Sincerely,



David D. Hunter
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April 5, 2017

Dan Riordan, Senior Planner
City of Forest Grove
PO Box 326
Forest Grove, OR 97116

Dear Community Forestry Commission,

This is an arborist report for tree health assessment for one big leaf maple tree at 1636 A Street Forest Grove, OR at the request of Dan Riordan, Senior Planner and Staff Liaison Community Forestry Committee City of Forest Grove. I inspected the tree on April 5, 2017.

Summary

The big leaf maple tree is in fair condition, and does seem to be in stressed tree health at time of inspection. Recommend the tree be assessed further as to why the eastern part of tree has heavy limb dieback and possible treatment of insect activity in the base of tree. English ivy is becoming a problem on the south side of tree base.

Observations

I inspected the big leaf maple (*Acer marophyllum*) tree located northern part of the property.

The tree has a 28" DBH, diameter at 4.5' above ground level average for the four stems that come out of one common base. The tree has separate stems at 4', or standard measuring height) is 70' tall, has a 30' canopy spread. The Condition Rating is 64%¹. That relates to overall health that is good. Fair condition means that the tree is a tree worthy of trying to maintain. Root collar appears good at the surface, the trunk looks in appropriate shape, and the canopy is producing new growth well. There is one stem on the northern part of the tree that has canopy that has died or is dying back. Slope concern is minor, but the swing on southern stem is okay on the branch, but some minor soil compaction where swinging is taking place. The soil compaction is not what is affecting the tree. There is canopy loss in the eastern center of the tree and the northern east stem, heavy dieback of limbs. There is insect sign on east base with black area and sawdust from the insect activity.

Recommendations

I recommend that the big leaf maple tree be rechecked sooner since the health condition on the north and eastern side of the tree is a concern. I cannot guess the cause on a visual tree

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assessment like this, more time is required. The new insect activity in the base is a concern about the internal aspects of the tree, more inspection is recommended.

Conclusion

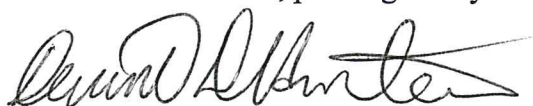
The big leaf maple tree is in fair condition and do not see any major concerns at this time. There is the bird cavity, but that doesn't mean the whole tree is bad, but just two weak areas to be aware of. To answer the property owner's questions, the tree limbs toward the house are well attached and have not had any failures since last inspection. The tree overall is tall enough to hit your house. Likelihood is low currently. The codominant stems would be the area of potential fail, but this likelihood is low also. The ivy is a concern that should be pulled off the tree. The insect activity and the dying limbs are of concern as seen by the pile of dead limbs at base of tree. The adding of soil under the south side of the tree will not add stability, this tree has been growing on that slope for over 60 years and I saw no soil cracking or signs of movement in my inspection.

Certification

I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing arborist report are correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

If you have any questions about the site, my findings, or further recommendations as to how to work with the site issues, please give my office a call.

Sincerely,



David D. Hunter (electronic signature)

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The CFC has limited funding for inspection of your register tree(s) by a certified arborist at no cost to you. The inspection will identify the condition of the tree and include recommendations for addressing any problems or concerns. If you're interested in having a tree inspection please fill in the information below and provide a copy of this letter to the City of Forest Grove Community Development Department.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Forest Grove's urban forest. We hope we can be of service to you. If you have any questions concerning the Register, the Tree Protection Ordinance, or the ways in which the CFC may be of assistance to you, please contact Dan Riordan at (503) 992-3226 or Marcia Phillips at (503) 992-3227.

Sincerely,



Daniel Riordan
Senior Planner
Community Development Department

Yes, I would like to have my register trees inspected by a certified arborist

Name: Brenda Mallett (1636 A street) Big Leaf Maple

Phone: 831-247-5745 Email preferred: BLMALETT@GMAIL.COM

General Information about the tree(s) including location on the property any concerns you have:

Large tree on north end of property. I am concerned about the weight of the boughs on the side closest to the house and am considering removing one or more of them. Do you think that would make it less likely that the tree would fall toward the house, or that it would hit the house if it did fall?

Thanks!

Please return to:

City of Forest Grove
Community Development Department
PO Box 326
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Also, should I maybe fill in the downhill side of the tree with dirt or something to give it someplace to grow stabilizing roots?



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March 28, 2017

Steve and Jo Schmitz.
2434 19th Avenue
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116



Dear Steve and Jo Schmitz,

This is an arborist report for tree health assessment for two giant sequoia tree in your yard at the request of Dan Riordan, Senior Planner and Staff Liaison Community Forestry Committee City of Forest Grove. I inspected the trees on March 28, 2017.

Summary

The sequoia tree to the west is in fair condition, and does seem to be in normal tree health at time of inspection, the eastern sequoia tree appears to be fair but the upper canopy is demonstrating stress/ decline in my opinion, follow recommendations.

Observations

I inspected the giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) trees located in the north landscape area between the parking lot and food carts and the sidewalk and road. There is a retaining wall on the north side near the sidewalk thus trees appear as if in raised bed. There is utility lines and bus stop on the north side of the trees.

The first sequoia tree has a 108" DBH, diameter at 4.5' above ground level, or standard measuring height) is 100' tall, has a 30' canopy spread. There is some conflict with the canopy and the utility pole and lines. The canopy has been lifted above the powerlines around the tree. The Condition Rating is 72%¹. That relates to overall health that is fair. Fair condition means that the tree is unlikely to improve health wise due to structural or health issues, but is still a tree worth trying to maintain. Root collar appears good at the surface, the trunk looks in undamaged shape, and the canopy is producing new growth well. The canopy is mostly to the south, west and north.

The second sequoia is to the east of first tree. The tree is 80" DBH, 100' tall and a 25' canopy spread with most of the canopy south, east and north. The upper canopy appears stressed as to the growth of the tree in comparison to the other tree, plus the cone set is heavy making it appear drooping. Condition Rating for this tree is 64%.

¹ Guide for Plant Appraisal, 9th Edition. Published by the International Society of Arboriculture. 2000.

Recommendations

I recommend that the sequoia trees be rechecked in a few years or sooner if the health condition changes or the top of the eastern tree starts changing colors.

Conclusion

The sequoia trees are in fair condition and do not see any major concerns at this time. The addition of food carts and increased people traffic may add to soil compaction to the root zone area, thus the recommended health monitoring of the trees.

Certification

I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing arborist report are correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

If you have any questions about the site, my findings, or further recommendations as to how to work with the site issues, please give my office a call.

Sincerely,



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March 28, 2017

Claude Romig
1653 Birch Street
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

Dear Claude Romig,

This is an arborist report for tree health assessment for one oak tree in your yard at the request of Dan Riordan, Senior Planner and Staff Liaison Community Forestry Committee City of Forest Grove. I inspected the tree on March 27, 2017.

Summary

The oak tree is in good condition, and does seem to be in normal tree health at time of inspection.

Observations

I inspected the Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) tree located in your side yard.

The tree is located west of your home. The tree has a 50" DBH, diameter at 4.5' above ground level, or standard measuring height) is 80' tall, has a 40' canopy spread. The canopy of the tree is even. There are some smaller dead limbs but this is normal for an older tree. The Condition Rating is 72%¹. That relates to overall health that is good. Good condition means that the tree is unlikely to improve health wise due to structural or health issues, but is still a tree worth trying to maintain. Root collar appears good at the surface, the trunk looks in decent shape, and the canopy is producing new growth well.

Recommendations

I recommend that the oak tree be rechecked in a few years or sooner if the health condition changes. The one larger dead limb is over on east side of tree, target is fence so no hurry for taking limb off.

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Conclusion

The oak tree in the side yard is in good condition and do not see any major concerns at this time.

Certification

I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing arborist report are correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

If you have any questions about the site, my findings, or further recommendations as to how to work with the site issues, please give my office a call.

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March 28, 2017

Mike Digua
1827 17th Avenue
Forest Grove, Oregon 97116

Dear Mike Digua,

This is an arborist report for tree health assessment for three oak trees in your yard at the request of Dan Riordan, Senior Planner and Staff Liaison Community Forestry Committee City of Forest Grove. I inspected the trees on March 27, 2017.

Summary

The two oak trees are in fair condition, and do seem to be in normal tree health at time of inspection. The oak tree in the backyard is in poor condition but has appeared this way for the last ten years and is stationary in this condition.

Observations

I inspected the Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) trees located in your front and back yard.

The first tree is located south of your home. The tree has a 35" DBH, diameter at 4.5' above ground level, or standard measuring height) is 80' tall, has a 40' canopy spread mostly to the south. The Condition Rating is 68%¹. That relates to overall health that is fair. Fair condition means that the tree is unlikely to improve health wise due to structural or health issues, but is still a tree worth trying to maintain. Root collar appears good at the surface, the trunk looks in appropriate shape, and the canopy is producing new growth well. Ninety percent of canopy is to south and a ten percent lean to south, very minimal die back.

The second oak tree is located south east of your house. The tree has a 47" DBH is 80' tall and a 40' canopy spread with ninety percent of canopy to south and a ten degree lean to south east. The Condition Rating is 68%. Growth does appear normal. There is some tip die back most due to shading.

The third oak tree is in the back yard. The tree has a 42" DBH, 70' tall with a 30' canopy spread and is evenly balanced. The tip growth is very poor. The limbs have a drooping appearance. There is lots of metal and objects attached to the tree. I have looked at this tree many times over the years and it appears to be in the same condition as in prior visits. The tree is in poor condition with a Condition Rating of 52%.

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Recommendations

I recommend that the oak trees be rechecked in a few years or sooner if the health condition changes. Monitor the tree in front for soil movement or cracking due to lean. I would not recommend watering of lawn. The tree in backyard should be monitored since it has been in stationary poor condition for over ten years.

Conclusion

The oak trees in the front yard is in fair condition and do not see any major concerns at this time. The backyard tree I see no concerns at this time, just an old mature tree in decline.

Certification

I certify that all of the statements in the foregoing arborist report are correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

If you have any questions about the site, my findings, or further recommendations as to how to work with the site issues, please give my office a call.

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PROCLAMATION

Celebrate Arbor Month 2017 and Forest Grove's Designation as a Tree City USA®

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Grove community continues this tradition of environmental stewardship by conserving, preserving, and restoring our local urban forest; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Grove community values trees and the good they provide including reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil, reducing heating and cooling costs, cleaning our air, producing oxygen, and providing wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, trees in our community also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business areas and beautifies our city; and

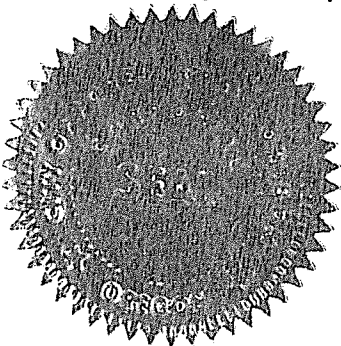
WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation named Forest Grove as a 2016 Tree City USA® to recognize our community's commitment to effective urban forest management during the year; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 27th consecutive year Forest Grove received Tree City USA® designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Forest Grove community is urged to support the City's community forestry program and efforts by the City's Community Forestry Commission to preserve and expand our urban forest.

Section 2. The Forest Grove City Council, and Community Forestry Commission, invites everyone to plant trees, especially on Arbor Day April 28th, and encourages participation in Arbor Month events being held throughout Washington County.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Forest Grove, Oregon, to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2017.

Peter B. Truax, Mayor, City of Forest Grove